AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-16 (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a keyboard having a space bar and keys;

a horizontal wheel positioned below the space bar to rotate horizontally relative to a top surface of the keyboard to receive user input, wherein the wheel includes ridges;

a tracking device positioned below the space bar to receive user input to direct a cursor displayed on a display, wherein the tracking device is closer to the space bar than the wheel;

a right mouse button, wherein the right mouse button is positioned to the right of the wheel;

a left mouse button, wherein the left mouse button is positioned to the left of the wheel.

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the tracking device is closer to the space bar than the right and left mouse buttons.

19. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein rotation of the wheel provides variable input to an application being executed, wherein the variable input comprises numerical input, and wherein rotation of the wheel in one

direction increases a numerical value, and wherein rotation of the wheel in another direction decreases a numerical value.

20. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a keyboard having a space bar and keys;

a horizontal wheel positioned below the space bar to rotate horizontally relative to a top surface of the keyboard;

a tracking device;

a right button, wherein the right button is positioned to the right of the wheel;

a left button, wherein the left button is positioned to the left of the wheel.

21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the tracking device is closer to the space bar than the wheel.

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the tracking device is closer to the space bar than the right and left buttons.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the tracking device is positioned below the space bar.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein rotation of the wheel provides variable input to an application being executed.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the variable input comprises numerical input, and wherein rotation of the wheel in one direction increases a numerical value, and wherein rotation of the wheel in another direction decreases a numerical value.

26. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the wheel includes traction.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the traction includes ridges.

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the tracking device is in the center of the wheel.

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the tracking device directs a cursor on a display, wherein rotation of the wheel in one direction scrolls down a displayed document, and wherein rotation of the wheel in another direction scrolls up the displayed document.

30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the keyboard is connected to a portable computer including a display.

31. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a keyboard having a space bar and keys;

a horizontal wheel positioned below the space bar to rotate horizontally relative to a top surface of the keyboard;

a tracking device positioned below the space bar, wherein the tracking device is closer to the space bar than the wheel;

a right button; and

a left button.

32. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the right button is positioned to the right of the wheel, and wherein the left button is positioned to the left of the wheel.

33. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the tracking device is closer to the space bar than the right and left buttons.

34. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein rotation of the wheel provides variable input to an application being executed.

35. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the variable input comprises numerical input, and wherein rotation of the wheel in one direction increases a numerical value, and wherein rotation of the wheel in another direction decreases a numerical value.

36. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the wheel includes traction.

37. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the keyboard is connected to a portable computer including a display.